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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 17, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, STATUS OF CLAIMS

A review of the file finds that the status of the claims as provided in the Appeal Brief filed July 3, 2008 under the heading "Status of Claims" is unclear and/or is not consistent with the status of claims of record in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii). The status of the claims as provided in the Appeal Brief must be consistent with the last entered amendment. Each claim on appeal must be identified. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1205.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007)* for details.

Specifically, the Appeal Brief provides that "Claims 9 – 20 and 22 – 30 are rejected," however, the Final Rejection filed on September 13, 2007 provides that Claims 11 – 21 and 23 – 27 are rejected. Appropriate correction is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) to hold the Appeal Brief filed on July 3, 2008 defective;
- 2) notify Appellant to file a paper properly addressing the status of all claims;
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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